SUBJECT No. 109.

Grant of honne and other reserved trees for agricultural implements.

Mr. Bhavani Rao, Shikarpur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As it is found that unreserved trees available in district jungles are useless for making agricultural implements, orders are solicited for the free grant of honne and other reserved wood for the purpose.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao states that there are several kinds of equally good wood for making agricultural implements and it is only for the cross piece, which comes directly into contact with the ground, and is likely to become rotten, that honne may be necessary.

Reply of Government.—Tne free grant of honne cannot be allowed. As it is represented that suitable unreserved trees cannot be found in the Shikarpur Taluk for agricultural implements, the Deputy Commissioner and the Conservator of Forests will report whether concessions may be allowed with regard to any other kind of reserved trees.

SUBJECT No. 110.

Revision of the list of classified trees.

Mr. M. Lakshminaranappa, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—No agricultural implements can be made out of the trees left for the use of raiyats. It is therefore requested that the following kinds may be excluded from the list of the classified trees:—

Dindaga, Banni, Kaggali, Bilijali, Gobbali, Tadasala, Godda, Gumchi, etc.

Reply of Government.—The classified list published under Government Proceedings No. 628-9—6760-7, dated 4th May 1903, was issued tentatively for two years. If it requires revision, the Deputy Commissioner is competent to propose it. The matter may therefore be represented to him by the member concerned.

SUBJECT No. 111.

Compensation on account of damage done to forests by manganese mining and quarrying.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL.B., Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The mining operations in the Shimoga District have caused permanent injury to our rich forests. Will the Government be pleased to state what compensation is collected from the Manganese Companies and what compensation is claimed by the Forest Department.

Reply of Government.—The question of the amount of compensation to be levied for the removal of forest trees and the possible damage to their future growth by mining operations is under the consideration of Government.

SUBJECT No. 112.

Free grazing in Amrut Mahal kavals.

Mr. Nanje Gowda, Krishnarajpete Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As much gomal land has been taken up for cultivation, village cattle have not enough fodder. It is prayed that Amrut Mahal kavals may be thrown open for grazing village cattle after the Amrut Mahal cattle have finished grazing thereon, without levying any fee as at present.

Reply of Government.—Orders have been issued in Government Proceedings No. R. 1229-38—Ft. 105-06-16, dated 6th August 1907, stating that the sales of grass should be widely advertised to enable the adjacent villagers to bid at the sales. It is not expedient to set aside the privileges of servegars.

SUBJECT No. 113.

Extension of State Forests not to be taken up in the malnad.

Mr. Channabasappa Gowda, Nagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Gomal lands reserved for communal purposes, even if they happen to be fit for being reserved as State Forests, should not be reserved, as it will cause inconvenience to the raiyats. The member states that this representation applies to the Nagar Taluk, where extensive reservations are proposed to be made.

Reply of Government.—In making reservations every regard is paid to the privileges and rights of the people and the necessary rights of grazing, etc., are allowed. The matter may be represented to the Settlement Officer at the time of settlement.

SUBJECT No. 114.

Private stamps for marking timber logs.

Mr. Malali Venkataramaiya, Manjarabad Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—When the subject was discussed last year, Government were pleased to state that the Conservator of Forests would be addressed to show some concessions in the case of owners of small estates of less than 50 acres in extent. Early orders are prayed for in the matter.

Reply of Government.—Under Government Order No. R. 1743-7—Ft. 129-06-5, dated 4th September 1907, marking hammers have been ordered to be supplied to Forest officials, who will stamp the logs in the case of owners of small estates.

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SUBJECT No. 115.

Court-fee stamp vendors to be authorized to sell stamps of denominations of Rs. 100 and under.

Mr. B. Lakshminaranappa, Chitaldrug Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Vendors of Court-fee stamps now sell stamps of denominations of less than Rs. 50 in value. They may be authorized to vend stamps of the value of Rs. 100 and under.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 116.

Higher rates of commission to stamp vendors at taluk head-quarters.

Mr. Ajjappa, Challakere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The rate of commission paid to stamp vendors at taluk head-quarters may be raised from 3 to 5 per cent as in the case of moffusil vendors, so that they may do their work more willingly and satisfactorily. The member explained that the question of remuneration was brought before Government because of the inconvenience caused to the public by stamp vendors not keeping a sufficient stock of stamps of different values for sale.

Reply of Government.—The rules provide that sufficient stock should be kept by the vendors. Cases where